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ERADICATION OF CHILD LABOUR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has identified, rescued and rehabilitated child labourers including the bonded child labourers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, separately, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to eradicate the child labour and to ensure stringent punishment to the guilty persons;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of cases registered against the guilty during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(e) whether the Union Government proposes to create a separate Child Labour Rescue Force in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT(SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): The Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 does not differentiate between child bondage and adult bondage.The State-wise break-up of sanctioned coverage for rehabilitation of identified and rescued, child labour for providing bridging education for mainstreaming them into formal education system is given in a statement annexed herewith at Annexure-I. Under the scheme, about 5.21 lakh children have been mainstreamed into regular education system since inception of the scheme.

(c) & (d): Section 14 of the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986, prohibits the employment of children below the age of 14 years in 16 occupations and 65 processes.Any person who employs a child in any occupation or process where employment of children is prohibited under the Act, is liable for punishment with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than 3 months but which may extend to one year or with fine ranging from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.20,000/- or with both.State Governments are the appropriate Government for implementation of the provisions of the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 for the areas coming under their jurisdiction. As per the information received from the State/UT Governments, state-wise details of prosecutions launched during the period 2005-06 to 2007-08 are at Annexure II.

(e): No, Sir.

(f): Does not arise.